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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Fritz W. Ermarth
Chairman

SUBJECT: NIC Activity Report, 13 - 19 May 1988

DCI and DDCI Support

Bob Blackwell is preparing a briefing on "The Soviet Internal Scene: What Has and Hasn't Changed" to be given to the President next week. Its principal point is that despite all that Gorbachev has accomplished, these changes are not irreversible and the established order remains intact. (NIO/USSR)

Estimates and Intelligence Memoranda

Coordination of Prospects for Economic Reform in Sub-Saharan Africa is imminent. (NIO/Africa)

Coordination of Soviet Naval Strategy and Programs Toward the 21st Century begins on 15 June. The Military Balance Between Greece and Turkey: How It Stands--Where It's Headed--What It Means was sent to the Chairman/National Intelligence Council for approval on 20 May. (NIO/General Purpose Forces)

Guidance to the Intelligence Community

Carl Ford and Charlie Allen chaired an Intelligence Community seminar on collection capabilities targeted against North Korea. The group concluded that collection priorities were about right, the quantity of technical information was vast, but exploitation was insufficient. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A report will be issued highlighting these and other findings. (NIO/East Asia and NIO/Warning).

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[REDACTED] disseminated a "sense of the Community" report on Poland to Embassy Warsaw and consumers here. The main finding was that while labor unrest was likely to continue, it will not escalate nationwide. (A/NIO/Europe)

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Charlie Allen will sponsor a Washington Area Operations Center Chiefs' conference [REDACTED] representatives from 16 federal departments or agencies will attend. The meeting will provide an opportunity for managers to exchange ideas on how to enhance time-sensitive support to policymakers by cooperating more fully in sharing warning intelligence during crisis periods. (NIO/Warning)

Outside Sampling

David Einsel will visit Collaborative Research Incorporated in Boston for discussions on recent bio technical breakthroughs and applications of genetic engineering in developing new biological warfare agents. (NIO at Large/Nuclear Proliferation/Chemical and Biological Warfare)

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Murat Natirboff attended the US Army War College's third annual International Intelligence, Deception and Military Operations Conference at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, 17-19 May. Strategic deception was a principal theme; Arab deception of Israel in 1973 was given as an example. (NIO/Foreign Denial and Intelligence Activities)

Martin Roeber will attend portions of a Central American Chiefs-of-Mission Conference at Airlie House hosted by Assistant Secretary Abrams. The Conference will address developments in the region, US policy, and mission management. (NIO/Latin America)

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